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DWR Flood Officials Will Speak At
Military Engineers Conference

SACRAMENTO - Department of Water Resources (DWR) flood officials will speak at a July 24-26 conference in Sacramento of the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME).

Les Harder, DWR Deputy Director for Public Safety, on Wednesday, July 25, will moderate a panel on the topic: "Habitat/Vegetation vs. Flood Control: A Need for Interagency Collaborative Effort." That panel is scheduled to begin at 1 p.m.

Gary Bardini, Chief, Hydrology and Flood Operations, Division of Flood Management, DWR, will moderate a panel discussion entitled "Building in Flood Plains." That panel discussion also is scheduled for July 25, starting at 3:30 p.m.

Entitled "Still Battling the Inland Sea: Exploring Solutions for California's Complex Water Issues," the conference is headquartered at the Holiday Inn Hotel, Sacramento Capitol Plaza.

The conference keynote speaker, at 8:15 a.m. on July 25 is Lt. Gen. R. L. Van Antwerp, Chief of Engineers, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. His topic is: "Programs in Support of Our Flood Control Systems."

During morning sessions on July 26, starting at 8 a.m., Harder will describe DWR's response to the June 2004 levee failure at Jones Tract in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, and University of California at Berkeley Engineering Professor Raymond Seed will evaluate seismic activity in the Delta.

The Department of Water Resources operates and maintains the State Water Project, provides dam safety and flood control and inspection services, assists local water districts in water management and water conservation planning, and plans for future statewide water needs.

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